

Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee
Monday, March 6, 2023, 4:00pm

Members present: Jeremy Bergerson, Dan Miller, Max Singer, Karl Hedlund, Adrienne Bockheim, Jennifer Borden, Janice Gepner, Deanna Newman, Aaron Shaffer, Kadence Novak, Andrew Degerstrom, Mike Andrus, Elissa Schufman, Kevin Dillon, Natalie Wagner, Arman Rajaeian, Ben Carrier, Georgianna Yantos

Staff present: Andrew Degerstrom

Others present: Peter Bayer, Russ Brooks, Bill Dossett, Adam, John Hedberg, Tate Nguyen

Summary of Discussion

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 and was chaired by Elissa Schufman

Roll Call (quorum present)

Acceptance of Minutes

- Minutes from the January 25, 2023 Bicycle Advisory Committee and February 14, 2023 Bicycle Advisory Engineering Subcommittee meetings were accepted.

Neighborhood and Community Relations (NCR) Advisory Boards and Commissions (ABC) annual demographics survey, Tate Nguyen.

- Tate Nguyen handed out to the members a survey to find out more about who is representing the City on its advisory boards and commissions.

Nice Ride Update, Bill Dossett and Russ Brooks

- Bill Dossett provided background on Nice Ride. Explained grants that established NR. Operated 8 years on grants as non-profit. Bill is sole employee of non-profit for last four years. Explains contract with Lyft. 2018 saw large amount of capital coming into personal mobility market. Imperiled NR station funding. Got NY company, Motivate, to run NR's system. Lyft then bought Motivate. Then e-bikes took off and changed org model. Lyft then said that unless the \$2m hole in budget wasn't filled, they would shutter NR. Lyft has now fired all its employees for Mpls bike share. NR bike's computers are now obsolete and don't interface with smartphones. All bikes need replacement now, \$600,000. 70% of revenue used to come from bikes, 30% from station ads. Now bike costs would only cover 25% of revenue.
- Therefore Nice Ride is no longer going to continue, as it's not financially viable. Other municipalities are running bike share, Chicago, Boston, others.
- Russ Brooks said in 2022 the agreements for personal mobility had become much more robust; NR was not regulated when it started. Did this together with MPRB, UMN, City of Saint Paul. MOU with all those bodies fell apart, then Lyft informed City of termination of funding. RFP is out and negotiations underway. There will be bike share in the city this summer. Bikes will be dockless. More than under NR. More scooters too.

- Question about bike racks getting filled up with scooters. Russ said that there has been some problems with fleet deployment knowing the rules. There is, however, enforcement in place, run by Max Gonzalez. Only 3 operators this coming summer as opposed to the 5 from last year.
- Can citizens call 311 about scooter/shared use mobility parking infractions? Yes, 311 is best option.
- Max Singer asked about NR For All Program, which is ending with the contract. Wondering about a new equity program, which the City does require in its contracts. If someone qualifies for MetroTransit equity program, then they qualify for City's as well.
- Will bike infra use more car ROW space and not take up the limited bike/ped infra. More street corrals, perhaps? Russ said there has been some acquisition of corrals, but couldn't say whether corrals would make up a lot of the new infra to accommodate the extra parking. Austin uses the bumpouts for bike parking. Mpls might pilot something similar?
- Longer term: how to we build out charging station infrastructure? Will take approx. 3-5 years.

City ABC Restructuring, Elissa Shufman ACTION – PASSED

- Elissa's proposal would retain City staff but would remove their ability to vote in the committee. Staff can currently vote on BAC. Other committees don't have as much staff as the BAC does, so City Clerk's proposal is in order to standardize the committees will have varying impacts across Boards and Commissions.
- Clerk has not yet presented this restructuring to Council. Policy and Government Oversight Committee will see this first.
- Some light language editing took place.

Annual BAC Report, Elissa Schufman

- BAC presents report to PW Committee annually, usually Q2.
- Janice suggested that attending that committee meeting as members is very appreciated.

Meeting Dates and Calendar, Staff

- Some scheduling conflicts coming up.
- Delete calendar appointments made by Millicent Flowers, keep those by Andrew Degerstrom.

Engineering Subcommittee Report, Aaron Shaffer and Deanna Newman

MPRB Plan for Cedar Lake and Lake of the Isles ACTION – PASSED

- Soft surface bike path on east side of Cedar Lake is new addition by Park Board staff to plan. Request to widen path from 8' to 10'. Bike parking? NE Cedar Bike trail?

Vision Zero Capital Program 2023 Corridors

- \$800,000 budget for high-injury City streets. Most of City's high-injury streets have received treatments, so lower-injury streets will start getting some attention.

METRO B Line/Lake Street Improvements ACTION – PASSED

- Requesting that two-way curb-protected bikeway between East Bde Maka Ska and Humboldt Ave S be extended eastwards to Hennepin Ave.

- Minor language changes.

Green Central Safe Routes to School Project, 30% Design Review ACTION – PASSED

- Question about 10th Ave S bridge, whether mention should be made about its removal from plan. Dan noted that that bridge is a separate project. Kadence noted that by removing treatments for the bridge, more monies can go towards the projects around the schools.
- Jennifer Borden added language to resolution.

5Es Subcommittee Report (none)

Announcements

- Hennepin County has applied for Bicycle Friendly Community status. Encouraging resident feedback.
- Federal government did not grant Safe Streets For All.
- Notetakers are asked to send minutes within 2 business days, within one week at the very outside.
- 5Es will work on Safe Routes for Schools in next meeting tomorrow night. Encouraged to show up.

Adjournment, 5:59pm